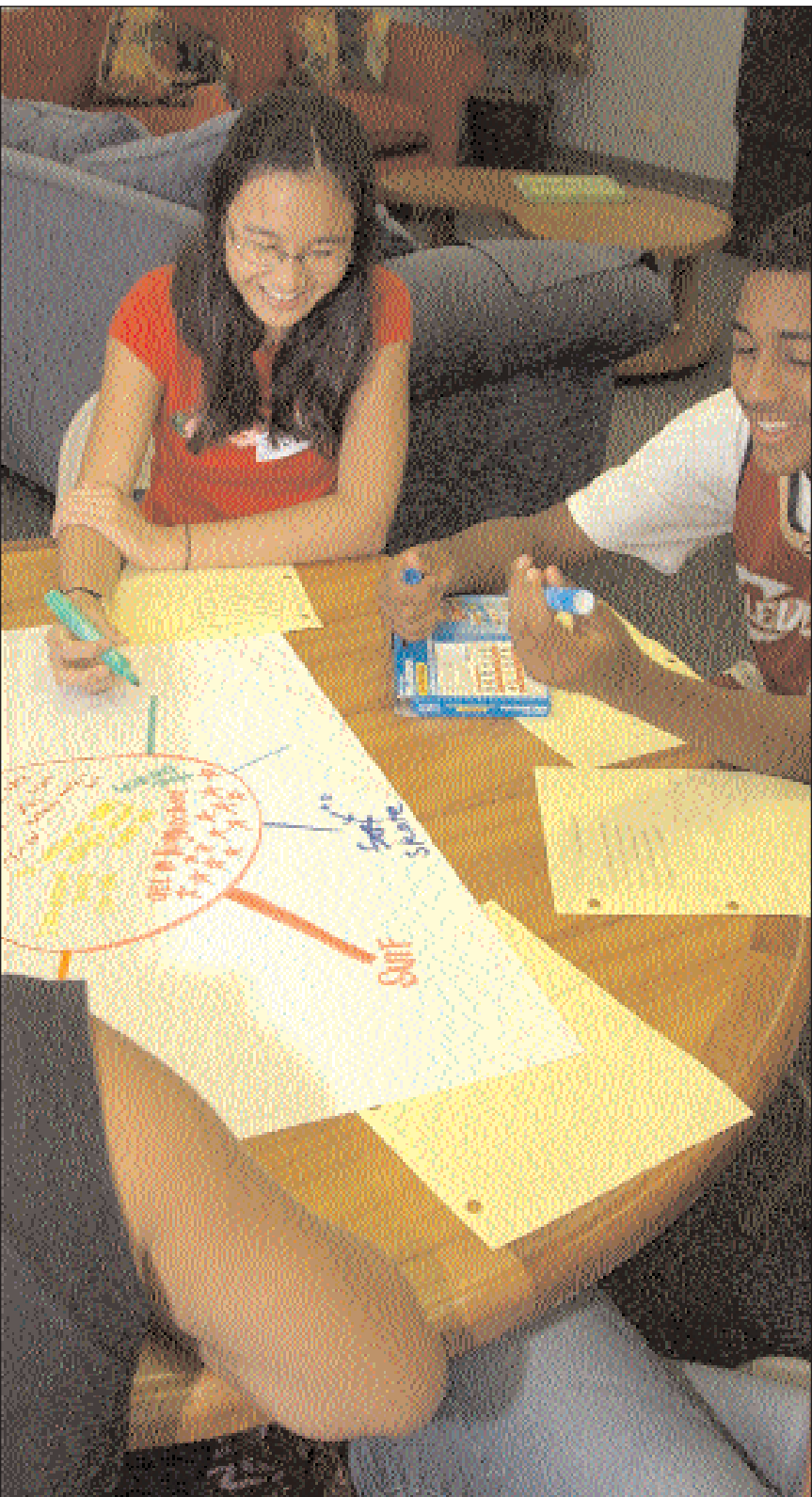


Navy Teen Centers ...



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Teenagers at the Catlin Park Teen Center work on a project where they learn what similarities each of them have with each other. Center officials say projects like this help teens learn more about each other and will strengthen bonds among military teenagers.



Photo by Lacy Lynn
A teenager relaxes and watches TV at the Catlin Park Teen Center. When they drop in, teens must show military identification, then swipe their card. Teens can then play games with friends, play on the computers available or just relax on the chairs and couches available at the center.



Photo by Lacy Lynn
Two teenagers enjoy a game of pool at the Catlin Park Teen Center. Military teenagers can visit the center to play an array of games or just relax with their friends.

Helping Oahu-area military teens find fun, friends, work

JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Editor

With school out for the summer, Oahu's military family members are looking for something to do. Many teens have found a place to relax and enjoy the summer – at the Catlin Park and Pearl City Teen Centers.

“It’s a walk-in, open rec,” said Jenny Hogan, teen lead at the Catlin Park center.

Hogan said the centers are places where teens can unwind, be themselves and spend time with friends.

“Being a teen, in general, is tough,” Hogan said. “The teen years are tough. They [teenagers] sometimes get overlooked. There are lots of programs for younger kids, but not too many for teens.”

The centers are designed for youth between 13 and 18, as long as they are in high school. The Catlin center features two pool tables, a ping-pong table, big-screen television and an assortment of board games for teens to use. There are also activities planned for teens to participate in at the center and around the community.

“At the beginning of the month, we have what we call ‘Keystones,’” said Hogan. “The teens are able to create their own calendar with ideas for activities they would like to do. We use that as a basis for what we actually plan for them.”

This month, teens from the Catlin center have had chips and salsa night, smoothies night, where they made their own smoothies at the center and tonight will be able to watch the movie “Shrek” and have free popcorn.

“I like to come out here all the time,” said Carla Tutt, a 15-year-old Army family member. “All my friends come here and hang out. We like to watch TV, play pool, hang out at the park, play computer and play cards with Miss Janice and Miss Katerina. She moved, though. This place is just fun.”

Saturday, the Pearl City Teen Center will host a day of kayaking, paddling and barbecue at rainbow Bay Marina. Teens will leave the Catlin center at 8:30 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. There is no cost for the day trip. Interested teenagers should call either the Catlin center at 471-8914 or the Pearl City center at 454-0758.

Next week, the center will take a trip to the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park and will have a



U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Daniel J. Calderón
Teens enjoy a game of ping pong at the Catlin Park Teen Center. The center contains two pool tables, a ping-pong table, computers for games and Internet access, a big-screen television and an array of games for military teenagers.

football challenge, among other activities planned. Hogan said all the activities are planned around having a good time and enjoying each other's company.

“We’re trying to get the teens to have fun outdoors and get them away from Playstation and other games like that,” she said. “We want them to get out, get active and we want to show them more of Hawai’i.”

Work is another aspect of life the teen center tries to show teens. This summer, nearly 50 teens will participate in the summer job program. They will be working at Morale, Welfare and Recreation venues. Judy Kosaka, region fitness director for MWR, is taking on two summer interns.

“This job will help educate them on what it takes to have a job,” she began. “I’m excited to see how it works. I’ve had college interns before, but never high school-age interns. By the look on their faces, though, they seem pretty eager.”

“I’ll be working at the Sub Base gym,” said 14-year-old John Weseloh. “I feel pretty lucky to have the job. Most 14-year-olds don’t have a job like this. I think it’s a great opportunity. You can make money, make friends and get new experience so you can use the experience in the future.”

In addition to athletics, teens will be working at the Child Development Centers, youth sports and the marina, outdoor recreation and aquatics departments. Gerald Hamilton, outdoor recreation program director, said the teens would

have plenty to keep them busy during the summer.

“We’re starting a new boat rental and free sailing program,” Hamilton said. “So, the first set of three teens I have working for me will be working at the marina and with youth programs predominantly. They’ll be assisting sailing instructors with set up, equipment and gear rental and with getting people in and out of the boats.

“We’ll also have someone at gear issue at the Outdoor Adventure Center,” he continued. “It’s going to be pretty busy with RIMPAC coming up.”

Hamilton said the second group of teens he has will be working at Scott Pool and will be assisting with gear issue at White Plains Beach. Kosaka and Hamilton both hope to see the program expand in the future. Both said teens would work well in most areas of quality of life, such as the galley and the barracks as well as venues around the base.

Teens appreciate the chance to get out in a safe environment at the teen center and the chance the center has given them to earn some extra money during the summer.

“It’s like a second home,” said Jilliane Corpuz, a 15-year-old Navy family member. “I feel safe here. It’s a good place for teens to go. There are people here who really look out for you. Plus, they treat you like a teen and not like a kid. Children don’t get paid for the work they do and we will. That makes me feel really good.”

Hours of Operation

- The Catlin Park and Pearl City Teen Centers are open Monday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m.

- For more information, contact the Catlin Park Teen Center at 471-8914.

- The Pearl City Teen Center can be reached at 454-0758.

- For more information on upcoming events at either teen center, visit the MWR website at www.greatlifehawaii.com and search the word “teen.”

Great Life Hawai'i photo of the week



Photo of VN2 (SW) Danny Greene watching a Hawaiian sunset at Waikiki Beach

Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering the “Great Life Hawai’i Photo Contest,” so dust off the photo albums and pick the photo that best represents what makes being stationed in Hawai’i so memorable. Submit unpublished photographs (no smaller than five by seven inches at 200 DPI) to “hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com.” All photographs submitted will become the property of HNN and MWR, which reserves the right to edit, copyright and publish submissions. There is no entry fee, but there is a limit of one entry per family. Weekly photo winners will be showcased both in Hawai’i Navy News and on the MWR web site “www.greatlifehawaii.com.” Every quarter, a winner will be selected from the weekly winners to receive a special gift package from MWR. This contest is open to amateur photographers only, who must be at least 18 years of age.

Jerry Lewis telethon to search for new talent

Special to Hawai'i Navy News

In the spirit of the talent search show “American Idol,” the 2004 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association is once again looking for new talent to present on its live national broadcast. For the second year, MDA’s “Stars Across America” talent search is seeking singers, dancers, comedians, bands and novelty acts. Selected performers will appear live on the Telethon Monday, Sept. 6, from Hollywood, New York, Chicago and other remote locations.

The show draws some 60 million viewers, plus millions more on the Internet. “Last year’s talent search was a great success, and I’m sure we’ll find even more promising newcomers for this year’s show,” said telethon star and MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis. “The 2004 telethon is a great venue for introducing some of the stars of tomorrow, and performers are always enthusiastic about helping ‘my kids.’” MDA’s 39th annual Labor Day telethon will be broadcast live beginning at 9 p.m. EDT on Sept. 5.

To audition, send a VHS-format videotape of your performance (no more than four minutes) to: Jerry Lewis MDA Talent Search 2004, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036. All tapes become property of the telethon and will not be returned. Deadline for receipt of tapes is July 16. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and able to provide their own music (live or pre-recorded) both for rehearsal and during the show itself. Funds raised by the Telethon help support MDA’s programs of services and research for people affected by more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Commentary

Window on Pearl Harbor

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A tribute to fathers ...

As we prepare to pay tribute to fathers everywhere on June 20, perhaps a bit of history about the beginnings of the holiday may be helpful. Strangely enough, the origins of Father's Day began in 1909 – as Sonora Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon. Sonora wanted to honor her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War veteran and was left to raise six children when his wife died while giving birth to their last child. Sonora wanted to express her appreciation to her father for all of the parental sacrifices that he had made. In the eyes of his daughter, he was a courageous, selfless and loving man who well-deserved many accolades. Because her father's birthday was in June, she held the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Wash. on June 19, 1910. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. But it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. What would we do without fathers – who are wonderfully wise and at the same time, whimsical and witty; who can be stern and impart discipline while at the same time doling out plentiful amounts of hugs and smiles? How could we manage without dads – our heroes, our role models, our

protectors, our best buddies? It doesn't matter if he is a dad who biologically inherited the role or if he wholeheartedly took on the responsibilities as a stepdad, or if he made the decision to share his love and wisdom with adopted children. To fathers everywhere – who always seem to take on much more than their fair share – and who are always there for us. Father's Day is an opportunity to show thanks and appreciation. Our hearts go out to all of those dads who are serving far away – and won't be able to spend their special day with their keiki as well as with the sons who are serving with the military a distance away from their beloved fathers. As we admire fathers for their courage and their strength and their selfless devotion to their duties, as we cherish their tender smiles and the strong hand that wipes away the tears from their child's eyes, as we honor them for their heroic deeds...we are grateful for dads. As we treasure all of the special moments, the memories, the events that we've shared with our fathers, we send our wishes to fathers everywhere – to enjoy this very special day that has been set aside especially for them. Have a wonderful Father's Day!

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Hawaii Navy News

‘Enola Gay’ pilot visits Battleship Missouri

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Brigadier General (Ret.) Paul Tibbets held a book signing session onboard Battleship Missouri June 10 for his book “Return of the Enola Gay” which talks about the events that led up to the bombing of Hiroshima.

Tibbets piloted the ‘Enola Gay’, a B-29 bomber that carried the atomic bomb ‘Little Boy’ to its target over Hiroshima, Japan.

During the book signing, Tibbets talked about what he recalled from that historic day.

At 8:10 a.m., Aug. 6, 1945 as then Col. Tibbets of the Army’s 509th Composite made his approach toward his target in Hiroshima, Japan, he went through a mental checklist.

“Five minutes before we were to reach our target, I was constantly asking myself, ‘Have I made any mistakes any place,’ ” said Tibbets. “I apparently didn’t because everything happened as it was supposed to.”

At 8:15 a.m., ‘Enola Gay’ delivered its payload.

“My superiors gave me some business about 20,000 tons of TNT,” said Tibbets.

“Well, I had never seen one pound of

TNT explode. I rationalized it as simple as I could. I thought, ‘OK 20,000 tons of TNT. That’s going to be a big explosion,’ but when we circled around to see what had happened, I was surprised at the magnitude.”

Initially, Tibbets was the only one of the Enola Gay’s crew that knew the purpose of the mission.

“All I told my crew was, ‘Listen, we may do something that may be able to shorten this war, but I’m not going to tell you what it is,” said Tibbets.

“You’re just going to have to trust me. On the way to the target, I climbed in the back of the aircraft to check on all my men. Well, my tail gunner who was a little more perceptive than the average guy asked me, ‘Col., we wouldn’t be playing with atoms today would we?’

“I looked at him and said, ‘That’s exactly right; we’re playing with atoms.’ So at the end he and I were the only ones who knew what was going to happen.”

Any reservations or regrets Tibbets might have had about his actions that day were put to rest by a chance encounter at a cocktail party several years later.

“We had started supplying the

Japanese with things they needed for their defense force,” said Tibbets.

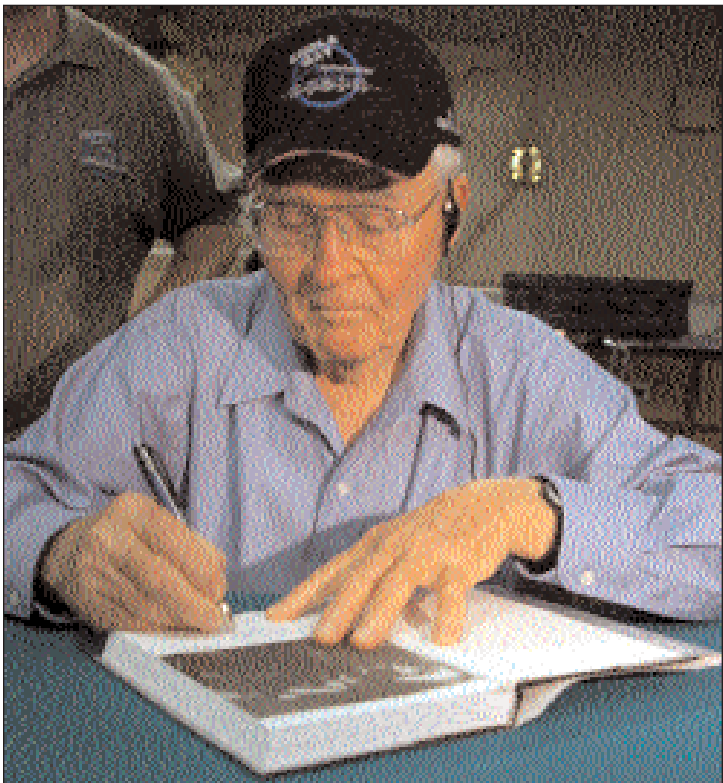
“Some Japanese officer came to the states to see how we employed some of those supplies for our defense. While I was at this dinner, a Japanese officer approached me, stuck out his hand and said, ‘I’m Fuchida (Mitsuo Fuchida, flight commander who led the attack on Pearl Harbor). Shall we talk about it?’ I looked at him and he could tell I didn’t know who he was.”

“He said, ‘I led the attack on Pearl Harbor.’ I told him he sure did surprise us and he said we surprised them, too,” said Tibbets.

“We talked for about 30 or 40 minutes and he said, ‘You did exactly the right thing because Japan would have resisted an invasion using every man, woman and child. That would have been an awful slaughter,’” Tibbets recalled.

Would Tibbets take back his actions if he could?

“I felt what I did was right,” said Tibbets. “I still feel I did the right thing. Under the same circumstances ,I’d do it today if I had to.”



U.S. Navy photo by J02 Devin Wright
Brigadier General Paul Tibbets (Ret.) signs a copy of his book ‘Return of Enola Gay ’ onboard Battleship Missouri June 10.

GI Bill celebrates 60 years

Service members enjoy six decades of military educational benefits

Special to Hawai'i Navy News

For 60 years, the GI Bill has been available for American servicemembers to help ease the transition from military service to civilian life. Despite the fact that educational benefits are the most frequently cited reason for joining the military, nearly half of those eligible never use them. This is surprising, considering the fact that using the GI bill has never been easier. That is particularly true with the increasing array of adult non-traditional learning opportunities such as online, correspondence and other distance learning programs.

Historically, America has compensated veterans for their services. Varying levels of benefits have been provided to veterans from colonial times through every major conflict. Education benefits for veterans began with the Rehabilitation Act of 1919. This law gave disabled World War I veterans a monthly education allowance.

On June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944," or as it is more commonly known, the "GI Bill." This month will mark the 60th anniversary of that occasion. Although controversial at the time, the GI Bill has since been recognized as one of the most important acts of Congress. During the past six decades, the law has provided billions of dollars in education and training for millions of veterans.

In 1976, the Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) program was established. This was the first veteran's education requiring a contribution by the servicemember. It was available to people who entered on active duty between Dec. 31, 1976, and July 1, 1985.

The Montgomery G. I. Bill (MGIB) - Active Duty Educational Assistance Program is the current education program for individuals initially entering active duty after June 30, 1985. The MGIB is also a contributory program. Basic pay is automatically reduced by \$100 per month for 12 months, unless the servicemember declines to participate at the time of enlistment.

To meet the basic eligibility requirements, active duty servicemembers must complete a minimum of two years of continuous active duty and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Veterans must be honorably discharged. Discharges "under honorable conditions" and "general" discharges don't qualify for the MGIB or VEAP. Members must also have completed high school or have an equivalency certificate before they apply for benefits. In addition, veterans must have served at least two years on active duty.

Under the Montgomery GI Bill, full-time students, enrolled in a regionally or nationally accredited college or university, can get up to \$985 (non-taxable) a month to cover education costs. That can add up to a total benefit of over \$35,000 and the benefits are increasing every year. This figure is based on the maximum benefit over a period of 36 months.

Many veterans don't realize that the GI Bill can be used for more than just getting a college degree. The GI Bill also covers such things as vocation and technical training, licensing and certification, on-the-job training, apprenticeships and more. In fact, in recent years the MGIB has improved by adding such programs as Active Duty Top-up, accelerated payments for high-tech courses, and the opportunity for active duty servicemembers to put in an



U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Heather Warick
Information Technician 3rd Class Mark Olsen takes advantage of the good weather while studying for an Italian II course he is taking through University of Maryland. The GI Bill is available for servicemembers to help ease the transition from military service to civilian life.

additional contribution of up to \$600 to receive an additional \$150 a month in benefits. In addition, each year the VA increases the basic "payment rate" that a full-time student is entitled to receive.

The Montgomery GI Bill also has a Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR), which was designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard. Like the MGIB, the MGIB-SR provides up to 36 months of education benefits for college, technical training and apprenticeship programs. Eligible members in most cases have 14 years to use their benefits.

Whether you are active duty, veteran, Guard or Reserve, not taking advantage of the GI Bill in a timely manner can be costly, as the benefits are typically good for 10 years after the servicemembers' last discharge.

Since 1944, more than 20 million beneficiaries have participated in GI Bill education and training programs. The list includes an assortment of very well known individuals including singer Tony Bennett; actors James Whitmore, Bill Cosby, R. Lee Erme, Clint Eastwood and Charles Bronson; comedian Paul Rodriguez; and actor and former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, to name a few.

Military.com provides extensive information on the GI Bill and tuition assistance, as well as a searchable database of hundreds of military-related scholarships and a comprehensive school finder, which includes information about degree programs, credit for military service, ACE, CLEP and DANTES. Military.com also offers tips on getting a college degree and financial aid. Visit www.Military.com/Education.

Additional MGIB information is also available through VA regional offices or their toll-free number, 1-888-GIBILL-1.

Military.com connects servicemembers, veterans and their families to benefits information, discounts, scholarships, career services and friends from the service. Membership is nearly four million strong and free of charge.

United Way offers childcare referral services

Aloha United Way

As school lets out for the summer, some Hawaii children will be spending many hours home alone while their parents are at work. Children without adult supervision are more likely to engage in risky behavior.

Parents may not know how to begin exploring child care options and are often unaware of all the programs available in their area.

Help is available for parents faced with childcare decisions. All they have to do is dial 2-1-1. Aloha United Way 211 is a free, statewide information and referral service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 211 specialists are able to search a comprehensive database of approximately 4,000 local programs to find services specific to callers' needs.

A call to Aloha United Way 211 can provide parents with helpful resources for choosing quality childcare and accessing

summer programs. They can also find information about preschool programs and infant care.

“Participating in supervised activities during the summer keeps kids out of trouble,” said Susan Doyle, vice president and chief operating officer at AUW. “It can also make the transition back into school in the fall go more smoothly.”

In 2003, 211 answered nearly 60,000 calls for help. Hawaii is one of only five states with statewide 211 service. Aloha United Way launched 211 in July 2002.

Aloha United Way is a community leader, bringing individuals and organizations together to improve health and human services on Oahu. AUW is committed to maintaining and strengthening our community's safety net and ensuring services are available to people who need them.

For more information about Aloha United Way's impact on the community, visit www.auw.org .

YMCA's Operation Hero helps military children with school, life

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"My child was telling me she made new friends [and now] openly tells me her feelings."

"My child has learned to express himself better, to talk about his feelings. He [also] has more confidence in himself."

"My child has [increased] his self esteem and deals with deployments better."

These statements are from parents whose children have participated in the Armed Services YMCA's Operation Hero Program, a course developed to assist elementary school age military dependents that need extra assistance with school or the challenges of military life.

"We're just trying to help the kids move to the next level," said Dela LaFleur, branch director for Armed Services YMCA.

The program, which was first developed at the Camp Pendleton branch and now exists throughout the country, specifically targets third to fifth graders in a small group environment, said LaFleur.

"We found that if we narrow the range into a group that was closer [in age], we were getting a better overall experience," she said. We also found that by third grade they're able to do a lot more in expressing feelings and talking about things. It also tends to be the age when issue are starting to come out more."

Eight children meet with an instructor for two and a half hours after school for 10 weeks, learning tutoring and mentoring elements.

"We work specifically on areas that are a little bit different for military children and have some unique challenges [like] the frequent moves, being the new kid in the middle of something and the effect of deployments," said LaFleur.

Guidance counselors and



Photo courtesy of Armed Services YMCA

Cris Polston, an instructor at the Armed Forces YMCA, helps a child with homework at an Operation Hero session. The sessions are offered during the school year to help military children.

other school staff refer the students to the program, which maintains a regular communication with parents, the school and instructors of the course. Parents are encouraged to supplement the program, by reinforcing issues that instructors raise in the program, at home.

For the first hour of the program, children participate in circle activity with the instructor, in which they talk about feelings, issue or do role-playing activities, said LaFleur. The group discussions and self-expression exercises help students articulate their concerns, challenges and successes.

The next hour, students work on homework with the instructor helping the children with any questions they might have.

The instructor then gives the children the rest of the time to write in a journal that they keep. Children can write anything that they want about what they learned or what they are feeling. The journals are confidential; however, children can share what they write if they want.

LaFleur said the sentiments instructors get from the group is tremendous.

"The teachers get a really special bond with the kids,"

she said. "It's such a great feeling to be in that group."

Parents responded to the program by saying that over 95 percent saw improvements in their child's self esteem level, academic performance, interactions with others and ability to express feelings and concerns more openly.

LaFleur said the program is a success because of the tremendous effort from the students, parents and instructors.

"I think raising a family is one of the biggest challenges for anybody," said LaFleur. "I think in military environments there are all the challenges that everybody else has, plus there are a lot more. The military does a great job with providing services for the families and providing support [but] there is always room for more. To be able to give a group of children some extra small group attention and be able to take some of the pressure off the parents is great. Anything that supports these kids and supports the families just adds to it," she said.

For more information on Operation Hero and schools that participate in the program, contact Dela LaFleur at 624-5645.

Kids enjoy vacation at chapel



Photo by Lacy Lynn

A Navy family member participates in a scripture activity at the chapel on Naval Station, Pearl Harbor. The chapel held Vacation Bible School this past week for children of all ages, helping them learn about religion through games, craft activities and theater productions.

Movie Call

Sharkey Theater, Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Kill Bill Vol 2 (R)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Connie and Carla (PG-13)
4:30 p.m. 13 Going On 30 (PG-13)
6:30 p.m. Godsend (PG-13)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
4:30 p.m. Laws of Attraction (PG-13)
6:30 p.m. Man On Fire (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. 13 Going On 30 (PG-13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6 -11)

Memorial Theater, Hickam AFB
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Man on Fire (R)
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. 13 Going on 30 (PG-13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Laws of Attraction (PG-13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6 -11)

Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks (624-2585)
FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)
SATURDAY
2:00 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
7:00 p.m. Kill Bill Vol. 2 (R)
SUNDAY
2:00 p.m. Ella Enchanted (PG)
7:00 p.m. Envy (PG-13)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)
*Special: \$2 adults; \$1 children (6 -11)



13 Going On 30: Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she'd have the life she's always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she's 30 years old and not a 13 year old anymore. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough.

Connie and Carla: Two struggling Chicago dinner theater performers accidentally witness a mafia hit and hit the road running for their lives. They go undercover as drag queens and they inadvertently become the toast of the cabaret circuit.

Ella Enchanted: See review

Envy: When a hapless schmoe becomes rich after selling an invention called Vapoorize, his longtime friend and neighbor is driven insane with envy and proceeds to wage war on him.

Godsend: A couple (Greg Kinnear and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos) agree to have their deceased son cloned, under the supervision of an enigmatic doctor (Robert De Niro), but bizarre things start to happen years after his rebirth.

Kill Bill Vol. 2: There were five on her list. Now it's three. O-Ren Ishii and Vernita Green were the first to fall. Now The Bride (Uma Thurman) is out to finish the job by killing Elle Driver, Budd, and last of all, Bill (David Carradine).

Laws of Attraction: Two New York divorce attorneys often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other.

Man on Fire: A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of the 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her.

Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

FITNESS FUN RUN
A free fitness fun run will start at 7 a.m. **today** at the Ford Island gym. The event is open to active duty, their family members and DoD personnel from Pearl Harbor, NCTAMS, Barber's Point, West Loch and Kunia. For more information, call 473-2437.

• **June 19:** All-Military Surf Meet, 7 a.m. Call OAC for details. For more information, call 473-1198.

PEE WEE T-BALL
Registration for Pee Wee T-ball is scheduled through **July 2** at the youth sports office. The season will be from July 24-Oct. 9. The cost is \$35 (includes T-shirt, medal and certificate). At time of registration, parents should bring a current physical (dated no more than a year old) and birth certificate. The league is open to family members of active duty, retirees, reservists and DoD civilians. For more information, call 474-3501.

SURF SCHOOL
Registration will be held **June 18-19** for surf school which begins June 22 at White Plains Beach at Barbers Point. The class is geared for youth ages 7-16. For more information, call Kona Breeze Pool at 684-5133 or visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

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Ella Enchanted

"Ella Enchanted" is a paradoxical attempt at recreating the magic of "Shrek" and "The Princess Diaries," two movies that defined satire in their respective generations. There are moments when it seems likely it might achieve that goal, and moments when director Tommy O'Haver shows his inexperience.

Ella (Anne Hathaway) is the equivalent of a modern day social activist who received an unfortunate gift at birth, obedience from her fairy godmother Lucinda (Vivica A. Fox). She must do whatever she's told, but only her mother and household fairy Mandy (Minnie Driver) know this. As she grows older, it becomes more of a problem and she sets out on a journey to find Lucinda and lift the spell.

Along the way she meets Prince Charmont (Hugh Dancy), a sex symbol for every woman in the land who could care less about his impending crown. He takes to Ella because of her candid personality and they inevitably fall for one another.

What lifts this story is quick-witted dialogue that emulates "Shrek," in that it pokes fun at its predecessors. Sly references to the Grimm brothers' fairy tales provide intelligent humor in a movie geared toward children. These moments are few and far between though, leaving time for tiring song and dance routines that are about as involving as O'Haver's previous films.

The movie's most lacking element is charisma, which is no fault of Anne Hathaway, who seems to have an abundance of it. Her role in "The Princess Diaries" demonstrates her Cinderella-like aura and mature (and quite beautiful) facial features that could prove extremely effective given the right character.

Overall, the film fails more than succeeds at providing an acceptable alternative to its forerunners. The reference to fairy tales is extremely interesting and relevant. However, "Matrix" parodies are not necessary and overdone.

OVERALL RATING:

ALL-MILITARY SURF CONTEST
An All-Military Surf Contest will be held from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. **June 19** at White Plains Beach, Barbers Point. Approximately 160 contestants from all military branches will compete for prizes and trophies. Each contestant will receive a bag of items, including T-shirts and stickers. The event will also feature a DJ and a live band and there will be a sand castle-building contest. To register or for more information, call Dino at 684-5133 or visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

FREE GOLF CLINICS
Learn the basics or refine your game at free clinics that will be held from 1-2 p.m. **June 19** at Navy-Marine Golf Course. The clinics are open to the first 16 active duty Navy or their family members. For more information or to register, call the pro shop at 471-0142.

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS
• **H2O No-Tap Bowling Tournament** will be held at Barbers Point Bowling Center on **June 20**. Signup will be at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. For more information, call 682-5146.

• **Day on the sea** – Treat dad to a day on a skippered Columbia 22-foot on June 20. Each dad will also receive a box of chocolate cookies. The cost is \$15. Advance registration is required and accommodations are for a maximum five people. To register or for more information, call 473-0279.

• **Sam Snead's Tavern** will offer Father's Day specials on **June 20**. The specials are available all day. For more information or to make reservations, call 421-SAMS.

YOUTH OUTING TO HAWAIIAN WATERS ADVENTURE PARK
The Boys & Girls Club of Navy Hawaii invites teens ages 13-17 to an outing at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **June 24**. For more information, call 471-8914.

T.G.I.F. AT OCEAN'S CPO CLUB
Enjoy free pupus at 4 p.m. and DJ spinning the tunes from 5-8 p.m. at T.G.I.F. at Ocean's CPO Club on **June 25**. For more information, call 473-1743.

CAMP ALOHA REGISTRATION
Registrations for Camp Aloha, a resident summer camp for children of active duty military personnel, will be accepted through **July 16**. Camp Aloha is designed as a joint, "purple" program that encompasses all military service branches. It is open to children ages six-18. The weekly sessions (Monday through Friday, five days and four nights) are offered to 50 youth in two separate age groups (six-12 and 13-18). The camp site for six-12-year-olds is at the Ford Island gym. The camp site for 13-18-year-olds is at White Plains Beach at Barbers Point. To fill the six weeks of Camp Aloha, a registered child's name will be selected at random for a weekly slot (a type of lottery draw). Parents will be notified of the selected session dates for their child. The last week of camp begins **July 19**. To register your child for Camp Aloha, complete an application form at Catlin or Iroquois Point Clubhouse. For more information, call the Boys & Girls Club of Navy Hawaii at 421-1556.

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For more on activities at the Fleet and Family Support Center, call 473-4222.

MONEY SKILLS FOR TEENS/KIDS
Money Skills for Teenagers will be

offered for youth ages 13-15 from 9-10:30 a.m. **June 21**. Money Skills for Kids will be offered for youth ages 8-12 from 1-2:30 p.m. **June 21**. Both classes offer ideas for money-making projects and teaches basic principles of money management as well as techniques to inspire and motivate teenagers to be top performers.

SUPER SITTERS (I-III)
A Super Sitters class will be offered from 8 a.m.-noon **June 21, 23 and 25**. The three-day class is for youth ages 12-18. Navy Region Hawaii base housing regulations require children to be at least 12 years old to care for younger children in their own home or at other homes when babysitting. Training is recommended on base housing regulations. This class covers basic care of children, safety, emergency procedures, effective discipline, encouragement, infant care and child development.



June 18: Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, 11 a.m., \$21.
June 25: All-night movie marathon, 10 p.m., free.
June 26: Fishing tournament, 11 a.m., bring money.

Weekly events:
Sunday: Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
Monday: WWE wrestling, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Game show - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.

Community Calendar

To get your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to hnn@honoluluadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

Blood drives will be held at the following times and locations:
• **June 18:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
• **June 24:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Air Force, Hickam Community Center, Hickam Air Force Base.
• **June 25:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., U.S. Army Reserves, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.
• **July 1:** 8 a.m.-noon, U.S. Marine Corps, MARFOR-PAC, Polluck Theater, Marine Corps Base Hawaii - Kaneohe.
• **July 10:** 9 a.m.-noon, U.S. Navy, Naval Reserve Center.
For more information, call 433-6148.

USS Crommelin Family Support Group bake sale will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **June 19** outside the Pearl Harbor Commissary. Donations are welcome as well as the support of those who stop by to purchase their favorite treats. For more information, call Melanie at 456-1725 or email at crommelinfo@yahoo.com

American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 188 will hold registration for the fall 2004 youth soccer season from 3 to 6 p.m. **June 19** at the Hickam BXTRA. The registration fee is \$55. Those registering for the first time with AYSO Region 188 should bring proof of date of birth. For more information or to register, visit the Website at www.aysoregion188.org or call the registrar at 834-5979.

NEX Auto Sound Center Sound Off Competition - Proud of your auto sound system? Enter the Navy Exchange Auto Sound Center Sound Off Competition for a chance to win prizes. Contestants will compete at the NEX/MWR Auto Show on **June 26** and will be judged on loudness, clarity and cosmetics. To enter, contact Mike Griffin at 421-1650 by **June 21**. The competition is open to members of the military community only.

Ford Island 5k Anchor Run - Entry forms are now being accepted for the 2nd Annual Ford Island 5k Anchor Run which will begin at 8:05 a.m. **June 25**. The entry fee is \$17. All active duty and dependents are invited to participate. For more information, call ITC(SW) Robertson at 472-8881, ext. 344.

Meet the photographers at NEX - Meet two of Hawaii's finest photographers at the NEX and see their renowned works: Jon Mozo, **June 25**, 6 to 7 p.m. and Kim Taylor Reece, **June 26**, noon to 1 p.m. The events will take place in the book department.

Classic cars and family fun at second annual NEX/MWR Auto Show - The event will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **June 26** at the NEX parking lot. The event will feature live entertainment and activities for children, food and classic cars. Prizes will be awarded in seven categories: vintage, classic, street machine, muscle car, custom truck, retro and import. Show car registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. To enter a car in the show, contact Dennis Parsons at 423-3226 or email: dennis_parsons@nexnet.navy.mil.

NEX hours during RIMPAC - This year Pearl Harbor will host the 2004 RIMPAC multinational maritime exercises. To accommodate visiting sailors while in port, the Mall at Pearl Harbor will extend business hours from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., **June 26 through July 4**. Normal hours (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) will resume July 5.

Live entertainment at NEX - The Navy Exchange will offer live musical performances for customers of all ages on **June 26**. Hi-Risk Faktor "Chillaxin" will perform from 11 a.m.-noon and Sunshine Generation children's entertainers will perform from noon-1 p.m. Both performances will be held in the Mall Rotunda.

Naval Station Pearl Harbor Gospel Choir Presents Gospel Fest 2004 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor Base Chapel **June 26** at (7 p.m.). The cost is free and food will be served. There is no dress code, come as you are. Come and celebrate God's love through song, praise and worship with us. We are looking forward to seeing you in God's place. For more information contac Chaplain Tiffany Y. Combs at 473-3971, LN1(SW) Crews at 473-3300 or OS2 (SW/AW) Wilson at 473-1137.

USS Hopper Ohana will host its annual 4th of July potluck beginning at 1 p.m. **July 4** at cabana 8 at Hickam Beach. There will be food, fun and door prizes for the kids. The ohana will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. **July 6** at the fellowship hall of the Pearl Harbor Base Chapel. The ohana will work on the ship's lei and discuss deployment events and committees. Childcare will be provided free of charge. The ohana will host its monthly breakfast club at 9 a.m. **July 17** at Dixie Grill in Aiea. The breakfast is dutch treat. For more information, call Sabrina at 625-5438 or email hopperohana70@yahoo.com.

The Navy Exchange is accepting applications for a variety of positions. Employment applications are available at the application drop boxes located in the main rotunda and on the second floor near the registers. Completed applications may be dropped off at these boxes.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support group, meets every Wednesday at the Armed Services YMCA, Aliamanu location. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Membership fees are low and includes the T.O.P.S. magazine. There are also incentive programs offered. The first meeting is free. For more information, call Delcie at 623-1403.

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Ways to improve good neighbor etiquette

Common sense and guidelines lead to taking pride in your neighborhood

Commentary
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A recent email from one of our readers expressed concerns about the lack of “neighborliness” in his Navy housing neighborhood. “No one seems to care,” he asserted and asked why people who live in housing can’t follow the simple rules and practice good neighborly etiquette.

Many of our housing residents do follow the housing resident guidelines and are good neighbors. But there are also those who ignore housing policies and make life somewhat unpleasant for their neighbors who live nearby.

Generally, it seems to be the same concerns that are mentioned over and over. Here are friendly reminders about some of the most frequent complaints that housing residents voice about their neighbors. If you are guilty of any of the following violations, you may want to focus on improving your good neighbor etiquette.

Water conservation

- Do you water your lawn during the hottest hours of the day and without regard to the voluntary water usage guidelines set by the Honolulu Board of Water Supply? Or even worse, do you leave your sprinklers operating throughout the day and evening? Leaving water sprinklers running for hours and hours or overnight blatantly ignores all common sense rules of water usage. Another irksome habit that was mentioned by residents was sprinklers that are positioned in such a way that they water the sidewalks and the streets. Watering should be done before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Plants and lawns should not be watered between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. – during the hottest hours of the day – as much of the water is lost to evaporation and wind and doesn’t reach the plants. There are a number of other ways that residents can help to conserve water.

Adhering to posted speed limits

- When you drive through housing neighborhoods, do you follow the posted speed limits and are you watchful for children who may be playing and run into the street, or do you frequently speed and ignore the posted limits?

The posted speed limit in housing areas is for the safety of children playing in and around their homes. The slower speed limit is necessary in order to give cars a better chance to stop quickly if a child runs into the street, perhaps chasing a ball. There are also signs advising drivers to be especially cautious in areas where deaf children and handicapped children live, etc. When you notice cars traveling faster than the posted speed limit, please note their license plate numbers and give the information to base security.

Policies on trampolines

- If you have a trampoline, is it located in a common area?

That’s a no-no. Trampolines must be in fenced back yards and are not allowed in common areas. Residents are responsible and liable for any injuries resulting from using the trampoline whether they are present or not at time of injury. Also, approval must be received from the housing office prior to installing a trampoline.

Parking problems

- Do you park on the grass, sidewalks or bike paths? Do you park your car in a visitor spot and leave it for days, weeks at a time?

Vehicles should be parked only in authorized parking spaces. Vehicles should not be parked on the grass, sidewalks or bike paths. This includes motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, recreation vehicles, boats, boat trailers, etc. Parking is limited and restricted to housing residents and registered/authorized guests. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to towing without advance notification to the registered owner. The owner is responsible for all costs.

All vehicles must be properly registered with the COMNAVREG Hawai’i pass and ID office, have a current DoD decal, state license, safety inspection and be operable.

Visitor/unmarked stalls are provided for authorized guests on a first-come, first-served basis. Vehicles that are parked longer than 24 hours in a visitor’s stall are liable for ticketing and/or towing. Please report violators to base security police.

Tot lots

- For safety reasons, adult supervision is recommended at all tot lots. Equipment at some of the tot lots is appropriate for children between the ages of two and 10 years old;



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Navy housing rules such as obeying posted speed limits are designed to keep Navy residents, both young and old, safe in their Navy neighborhood.

other playground areas are only suitable for children up to the age of six. Tot lot equipment is designed for younger children and is not made to support the weight of older youth and adults. Tot lots are not to be used as teen hang-outs. Smoking is prohibited in tot lot areas.

Pet responsibility

- If your pet leaves a “deposit” on the sidewalk when you take it for a walk, do you leave the mess there for an unsuspecting passer-by? Do you allow your pets to roam free or bark for hours at a time? Do the droppings from your pet accumulate in the backyard while the offensive odor permeates the neighborhood?

If you are guilty of any of these things, you are probably one of your neighborhood’s least favorite neighbors.

If you walk your pet and it leaves a deposit, remove the debris and dispose of it at home. Don’t leave the mess for school children, joggers and other residents to find. Or don’t just open your door and allow your pet to wander the neighborhood, “doing its business” in everyone else’s yard. Animal feces is considered a health hazard, especially when it is concentrated in the same area on a regular basis. This includes your back yard.

According to Hawai’i’s litter law, leaving animal feces is a petty misdemeanor and levies a fine for each offense plus the cost to remove

the litter. The law applies to everyone in Hawaii, including residents who live on military installations.

Barking dogs can also be nuisances. Dogs should only bark if they’re barking at strangers or protecting their areas. Continuous or excessive barking is not what a dog is supposed to do.

Another misconception is that cats are “free-spirited” and are supposed to run free. It’s not okay to allow your cat to run free, go into your neighbor’s yard and leave feces in flower beds, climb on screens and tear them, climb on cars and leave scratches and paw prints. It’s not okay to allow your cat to wander at will, allowing it to mate, fight, cry and aggravate dogs in the neighborhood while you are asleep. In Navy housing, there is no such thing as an outside cat.

Remember that pets can’t follow animal control regulations or make themselves good neighbors – only their owners can. Keeping pets in Navy housing is a privilege, not a right. It is a privilege that can be taken away by those who violate the law.

All of these guidelines are simply common sense, good neighbor practices. It is important to take pride in your neighborhood and practice some neighborly etiquette.

For more information, check your Navy Family Housing Resident Handbook.